

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather. WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Virginia—Fair Tuesday with moderate temperature; Wednesday fair and warmer, light to fresh variable winds, shifting to east. North Carolina—Showers Tuesday and Wednesday; fresh east winds. Richmond's weather yesterday was showery in the morning with clearing in the afternoon. The temperature was low for the season.

RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER. 9 A. M. 70 12 M. 73 3 P. M. 73 6 P. M. 73 9 P. M. 73 12 M. 72 Average 72.5-6

Highest temperature yesterday 71. Lowest temperature yesterday 67. Mean temperature yesterday 70. Normal temperature for August 78. Departure from normal temperature -8. Precipitation during past 24 hours .08.

MINIATURE ALMANAC. August 9, 1904. Sun rises 5:51. HIGH TIDE. Sun sets 7:09. Morning 2:28. Moon rises 3:35. Evening 1:55.

Richmond. Passenger on street car arrested by conductor on charge of assaulting the latter also being drunk and disorderly. Judge Caldwell, of Supreme Court, grants appeal and supersees in suit of Fisher and others against Virginia Passenger and Power Company, thus tying the hands for the present of Receiver Cameron, appointed by Judge Mullen, of the Federal Circuit Court. Charges preferred by citizens against Policemen Jennings and Johnson are dismissed after an exhaustive hearing. Colonel Cutler reports that gallery of New Bijou Theatre will be too weak; Board of Fire Commissioners take the matter up and will have another consideration of it. Negro falls from train on trestle in attempt to get on train and is almost instantly killed. Baby falls from porch fifteen feet high and is only slightly injured. Announcement made of classes and prizes in the next Richmond Horse Show, the latter aggregating about \$5,000. School directors decide to increase the school tax with a view to having graded schools and a betterment of the school system throughout the county. A male kidnapper on chin, causing bad laceration. Ambulance surgeon cures aggravated case of lockjaw. Board of Aldermen meets to-night when bridge matter will come up. It is not likely to be acted upon. MANOTSTER—Democratic campaign club to organize at the courthouse to-night. Lower branch of Council meets in important session this week. Ordination of Rev. S. P. Devault.

Virginia. John D. Armstrong, well known Norfolk oyster packer, his son and another man drowned near Willoughby Beach. The merchant's ship Nantucket arrived at Norfolk with the mate, Edward A. Wentworth, and the only survivor of the schooner, Ella Francis, of Rockland, Me., sunk by the Nantucket. Pettition in Danville looking to securing separation of the races on the city streets. Captain George V. Clifton, of Newport News, company placed under arrest in camp at Ocean View by Captain Solomon, of Norfolk, officer of the day. Circuit Court party coming to Richmond, served with a writ of supersees and appeal by Judge Caldwell, of the Court of Appeals. An Orange county farmer takes his own life. Wyser and Blimp both address the voters at Wytheville. Lynchburg party coming to Richmond by way of a canoe. John F. Rixey, Jr., thrown and his arm broken. Confederate day and grand rally at Amherst.

North Carolina. Young man at Salisbury charged with shooting a fourteen-year-old girl, he denies the charge and says he will prove an alibi. A New York multi-millionaire to make a bid for the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. A sudden and horrible death in Wilmington.

General. Roar of battle echoes from Port Arthur; rumor that Stoessel has committed suicide. Japanese advance on Mukden. Japanese north and will make attack on Liao Yang August 20th. Plundered; terrible slaughter of Japanese around Port Arthur recently; losses will reach about 20,000; big naval battle at Port Arthur. Russian squadrons make sortie and attacks Japanese fleet. Secretary Hay's circular to ambassadors on subject of contraband of war made public yesterday. Heavy rain in Norfolk. Russian forces north of Hai Cheng. Two carloads of human freight plunged into raging torrent near Pueblo, Col.; probably 100 persons killed. Big fire in New York threatens Academy of Music, in which play was being produced. English paper makes appeal for Mrs. McGee's pardon. Jacob Kind, of Charleston, S. C., murdered and thrown into cistern. Police now searching for the clerk. President Roosevelt would like more summary punishment for criminal assault; refuses to commute death sentence of negro. Army of workmen preparing to go for Manassas manoeuvres; gala day on September 10th when President will hold grand review. Bishop of Kansas records critics who say him from the pulpit. Considerable excitement on stock market over situation in wheat. West Virginia preacher uses machine gun and delivers sermon from rock 600 feet high. Strike of New York bookbinders has been ordered; supply of books will be cut off. Chicago packers' complaint and claim to have situation well in hand. Democratic National Executive Committee meets and holds New York headquarters. No branch in West will be opened at present; Murphy-McCarren row not taken up; frequent conferences held with Gorman; Champ Clark on his way to Europe with notification speech; says Democrats will certainly win; race issue strong in West Virginia and Massachusetts; Duke replies to Barthold.

Postmaster Appointed. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, D. C., August 8.—Burwell G. Godfrey was appointed fourth-class postmaster at Jonesboro, Moore county, North Carolina; Eyle J. E. Buchanan removed.

26 WANT HELP TO-DAY. The 26 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows: 3 Office Help. 1 Agent. 17 Miscellaneous. 1 Trade. 2 Domestic. 2 Salesmen. This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

NO BRANCH IN THE WEST AT PRESENT

Whispers of Discord, But Taggart Makes Denial.

MURPHY-M'CARREN ROW NOT EVEN DISCUSSED

Meeting of Executive Committee Said to Have Been Harmonious. Frequent Conferences with Gorman—Notification of Judge Rarker To-Morrow.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, August 8.—The National Democratic Executive Committee was in session five hours to-day and upon adjournment gave out the following statement: "At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Committee all the members were present except James M. Guffy, of Pennsylvania, who is ill; also Chairman Taggart, Vice-Chairman Nicol, Treasurer Peabody and Secretary Woodson. "The location of national headquarters was fixed at No. 1 West Fourth Street, consisting of the second and third floors and the basement of the Century building. "It was determined not to open branch headquarters in the West or to name additional committees for the present. "Plans of organization were taken up and thoroughly mapped out. "Chairman Cowherd, of the Congressional Committee, was in conference with the Executive Committee during the afternoon.

Denies Friction. This epitome of five hours' work, authorized by Chairman Sheehan, does not go into any details of the meeting, and members of the committee were also very reticent, although the statement was made that the session was harmonious and the conclusions were reached without discord. Chairman Taggart denied that the decision not to establish branch headquarters in the West at present was due to any differences about location, or because he had suggested Indianapolis in preference to Chicago. Every member of the committee said that the existing differences between Patrick H. McCarren and Charles F. Murphy in Greater New York were not taken up. There was a general interchange of views concerning conditions in States which are deemed essential to Democratic success. The general conditions in New York, New Jersey, West Virginia, Indiana and Wisconsin were discussed and men from these States gave committee such information as they had.

Consulted With Gorman. Senator Gorman was not at the meeting, remaining in his room at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, but there were frequent communications between the Executive Committee and the Maryland senator. After adjournment, Chairman Sheehan called a lengthy conference with Senator Gorman. At the solicitation of Mr. Taggart to-day's meeting was presided over by Chairman CSheehan, of the Executive Committee. Mr. Taggart said after the meeting that he was ex-officio chairman of the committee, and in his absence Mr. Nicol would be ex-officio chairman.

There has been some doubt as to Mr. Taggart's connection with the Executive Committee, but the meeting to-day seemed to recognize, the chairman, the vice-chairman and the secretary as members. Sheehan in Control. It seems to be understood as a result of the meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee to-day and conferences which were held after the committee adjourned, that the Executive Committee will have active charge of the campaign, and is, in fact, a campaign committee. This will mean that the important work of management will devolve upon Mr. Sheehan and the men selected by him. Matters of policy and procedure will be determined by the Executive Committee. As announced by Chairman Taggart at the time he appointed the Executive Committee, Senator Gorman will act in advisory capacity to the Executive Committee. This accounts for the frequent conferences and exchanges of messages between the Senator and members of the committee to-day. After Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Gorman had been in conference this evening, Mr. Sheehan sent for Mr. Taggart and had a conference, lasting late into the night, in which the general policy and management of the campaign was discussed.

MURDERED AND THROWN IN CISTERN

Body of Kind Discovered in Charleston—Police After Clerk.

(By Associated Press.) CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 8.—The body of Jacob Kind, the keeper of an illicit liquor shop, who has been missing since last Thursday, was found floating in the cistern of his premises in King Street to-day. There was a great gash in the throat and several stabs in the breast. The body was in a frightful state of decomposition. Kind's clerk, Edward Kennedy alias Grant, who has been conducting the "blind tiger" since Kind's disappearance, left Charleston last night with considerable money and every effort is being made to capture him.

STOESSEL REPORTED SLAIN; OYAMA PREPARING TO STRIKE



GENERAL KUROKI IN THE FIELD.

General Kuroki was the first of the Japanese generals to take the field. He commands the First Army, which is composed of the Imperial Guards, the Second Division, and the Twelfth Division. He is a famous fighting general, renowned throughout the East for courage and daring energy. Born in the Province of Satsuma sixty-one years ago, Baron Kuroki springs from the warrior class, and was trained from infancy in lessons of courage and endurance and chivalry. In the Revolution, he fought for the Emperor and in 1871 received his company. During the war with China, the Baron was at first engaged in the work of mobilization, but when the struggle developed he went to the front as lieutenant-general and led one of the divisions which took Wei-Hai-Wei after a desperate defense by the Chinese.

COMMANDANT PEAY IS OUT

Head of Soldiers' Home Removed for Conduct Prejudicial to Institution.

RESULT OF RECENT FIGHT

The Board of Directors of the Lee Camp Soldiers' Home early this morning sustained the charges against Commander A. C. Peay, of that institution, growing out of the recent altercation between him and Dr. Deas, surgeon to the Home. Commander Peay, in the language of the Board's finding, was adjudged guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Home, and he was removed from authority, the removal to take effect at once, but salary and occupancy of the commandant's cottage to continue until September 1st. Mr. W. W. Caldwell was designated acting commandant of the Home until a successor to Commandant Peay shall have been elected. He will take charge immediately.

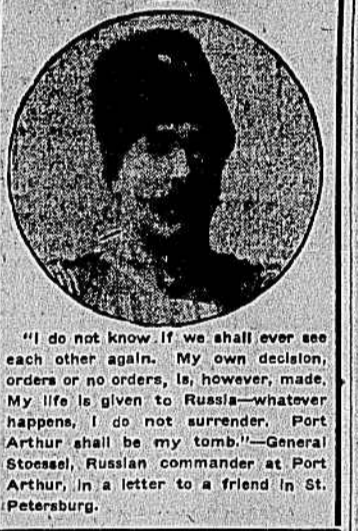
The Board decided that the charges against Dr. Deas growing out of the same affair, were not sustained. In the course of the inquiry, however, testimony was adduced which, in the opinion of the Board, warranted further inquiry into his fitness for his position. These matters, and the evidence relating thereto, as brought out in the testimony last night, were referred to the Executive Committee for investigation and report thereon to the full board. Just what the nature of the information brought out, was, is not disclosed. The Board convened early last night to investigate the charges, and counter-charges made by Dr. Deas and Mr. Peay against each other as a result of the altercation at the home last week in the course of which Commandant Peay was known to have been injured. Testimony was gone into and the entire evening consumed. In fact, it was nearly 2 A. M. when the session of the Board concluded.

TRIP DOWN RIVER IN SMALL CANOE

Party of Three Making This Unusual Trip from Lynchburg to Richmond.

LYNCHBURG, VA., August 8.—Mrs. R. S. Walker and daughter, Miss Maude, accompanied by Mr. Stephen Hurt, left here this morning in a canoe to boat down the James to Richmond, a distance of one hundred and fifty miles. They will camp overnight on the river here and expect to reach their destination not later than Saturday.

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THREE MEN DROWNED

Efforts to Help Each Other Resulted in Loss of All.

WERE PLANTING OYSTERS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., Aug. 8.—John D. Armstrong, the well-known oyster packer, his married son, Walter D. Armstrong, aged twenty-one years and an aged man named Pulliam or Pullen, from Norfolk, were drowned in Little Bay, near Willoughby Beach, about 3 o'clock this morning. The accident occurred just in front of Mr. Armstrong's summer home, at Little Bay, while the three who lost their lives and a colored man named John Cole were out in a small sail-boat planting seed oysters. The boom of the vessel jibed in a slight gust of wind while Mr. Armstrong was leaning over the side of the boat and being struck by the boom Mr. Armstrong was knocked overboard. Pulliam jumped in after him and the two had nearly reached the boat when Pulliam was taken with cramps and called for assistance. Then young Mr. Armstrong jumped in to try to save his father and companion. In the struggle which followed all three men went down and were drowned together.

GENERAL LEE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE G. A. R.

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, August 8.—Preparations for the annual encampment of the G. A. R., which opens here next Monday, are now practically complete. General Fitzhugh Lee announces that he will be unable, through press of business, to come to Boston with the other Confederate veterans who will make the journey.

BIG THEFT OF JEWELS

Reported That \$200,000 Worth of Gems Have Been Stolen.

MRS. OGDEN GOELET LOSER

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT, R. I., August 8.—The victim of the greatest theft of jewels in the history of the cottage colony, it was learned to-night, is Mrs. Ogden Goelet. Some two hundred thousand dollars worth of jewels having been stolen in some unknown manner during the time Mrs. Goelet arrived at the cottage in June and the present time. The theft of the jewels has remained a secret until to-day, when the news of the robbery reached Newport. (The fact that a "dog collar," consisting of five rows of large pearls, with a diamond clasp in the front and back of the collar and a large pearl in the center of each clasp brought out the identity of the loser, who was none other than Mrs. Goelet. The jewel seemed to be so well known to the cottagers, it being the only one of the kind in this country, that everybody knowing Mrs. Goelet, were unanimous in identifying it, while the other missing gems were also identified from the list as being those of Mrs. Goelet. Mrs. Goelet's name was on the lips of every one of the cottagers, and the ladies talked of nothing else but of Mrs. Goelet's loss. During the morning the robbery was believed to have been the work of Barney's, but that lady told, your correspondent that "her stolen jewels were valued at ten thousand dollars, and those the insurance company had paid for," but continued Mrs. Barney, "I still have the case in the hands of the Pinkertons and shall never rest until I find the person who stole them, and I have my own suspicions regarding the theft."

All afternoon, cottagers were at the bank vaults depositing their jewels, for the report of the robbery has caused a fright among the ladies never before equalled in Newport. Late in the afternoon, the most prominent members of the four hundred have been guarded by detectives, owing to the alarming frequency of such robberies.

CAR MAN BRINGS PECULIAR CHARGE

Claims That Passenger Put Arm About His Wife on His Car.

V. S. Kidd, salesman, twenty-eight years old, of Manchester, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Conductor W. L. Haynes, of car No. 211, and turned over to Officer P. L. Nelson, on the charge of being drunk and disorderly and assaulting Mrs. Alice Haynes, the conductor's wife. Kidd claims that he was not drunk and that the assault charge has no foundation in fact. He says that he helped the lady on board the car, and took a seat by her; that he put his arm on the back of the bench when it accidentally touched her, which caused the conductor to arrest him. Kidd was not bailed, but spent the night in the Second Police Station.

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